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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF FIPAS

1. INTER-AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL AND PLANTATION WORKERS FEDERATION (FIPAS) (PRESUMABLY THE REGIONAL ARM OF IFPAW HEADQUARTERED GENEVA) PLANNING INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE LIMA SEPT. 10-15 ACCORDING INFORMATION GIVEN LABATT BY RAFAEL AVALOS GARCIA, SEC-GEN OF FEDERACION NACIONAL DE CAMPESINOS DEL PERU (FENCAP). FENCAP, AS ALLEGED LOCAL AFFILIATE OF FIPAS, PLANS PARTICIPATE AND FOLLOW UP WITH SEPT. 15-17 CONFERENCE OF ITS OWN AND HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT 38 FOREIGN DELEGATES REPRESENTING 16 COUNTRIES EXPECTED. VISITING FIPAS REPRESENTATIVE SUPPOSEDLY RESERVED SPACE AT HUAMPANI CONFERENCE CENTER AND ROOMS AT LOCAL HOTEL FOR DELEGATES. LOCAL HOTEL CONFIRMS RESERVATIONS. AVALOS HAS BEEN INFORMED BY FIPAS REP THAT U.S. DELEGATION LED BY CESAR CHAVEZ WILL PARTICIPATE AND THAT CONFERENCE JOINTLY FUNDED BY FIPAS AND ILO.

2. ILO OFFICIAL COORDINATING PREPARATIONS FOR ILO INTER-AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HERE
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SEPT. 19-28, WHICH WILL DEAL WITH CONDITIONS OF AGRI-

CULTURAL WORKERS AS ONE OF TWO PRINCIPAL THEMES, TOLD LABATT HE UNAWARE OF FIPAS CONFERENCE AND THAT ILO ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT CO-SPONSORING IT. ILO REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHIEF ALSO DENIED ILO SPONSORSHIP AND PROFESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF FIPAS CONFERENCE.

3. AVALOS REQUESTED EMBASSY FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR FENCAP CONFERENCE, BUT NOT FOR FIPAS CONFERENCE. SINCE FENCAP HAS BEEN MORIBUND FOR LAST FEW YEARS AND IS TOO CLOSELY AND DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH APRA PARTY TO MAKE ANY EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT ADVISABLE, REQUEST WAS POLITELY TURNED DOWN. UNLESS FENCAP OBTAINS UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL ANGEL, WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL HAVE MORE THAN TOKEN FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF FIPAS CONFERENCE, INFORMATION ON FIPAS, AND ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON MAKE-UP OF SUPPOSED U.S. TRADE UNION DELEGATION.
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